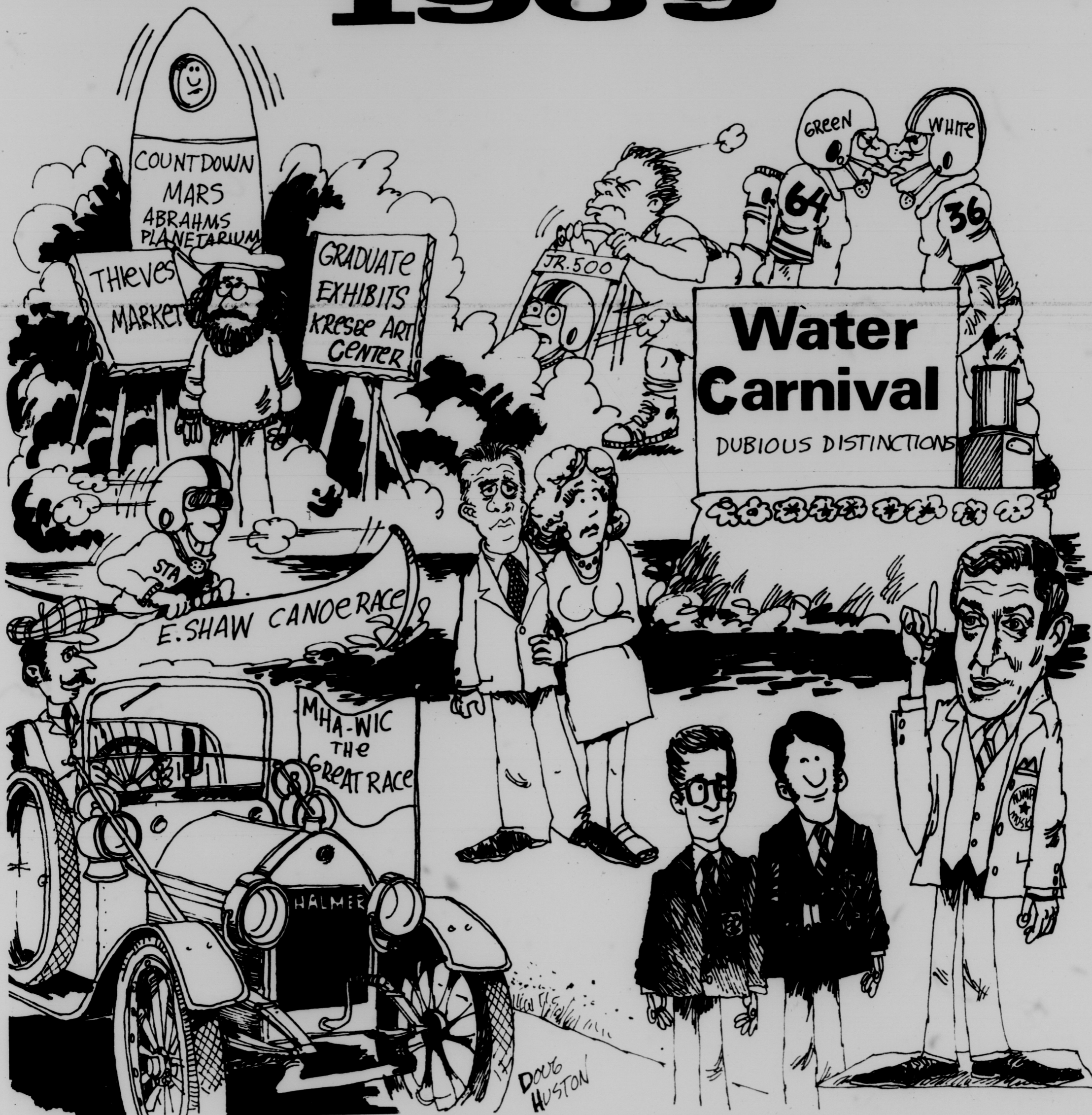


# PARENT'S WEEKEND 1969





# Adams salutes 'U' parents

Parents of MSU students, I salute you!

Though at times you may have had your doubts, you have given to MSU the most sensitive, the most aware, the most intelligent young men and women who have ever graced this campus. To be alert to the problems of our day often means to be recalcitrant, to be articulate, to irritate--at times even to avoid barbers and dressmakers.

This apparently negative behavior is reflective of a better education than was ours, and of an attitude that is essentially quite positive and in the long run constructive. In our time, we responded to frustration by flag pole sitting, eating gold fish, and staging panty raids. In their time--now--they protest

perceived injustices and inequality, at home and abroad. Their concern with problems that many of us ignored does not prevent them from going to their classes, writing their papers, and passing their examinations.

MSU has never been such an exciting place to be: occasionally frightening, but consistently interesting.

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Walter Adams  
Acting President

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### Points of Interest

Museum--The John Hannah Years, 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.  
Abrams Planetarium -- Countdown Mars, 8 p.m. Friday, 2:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 and 4 p.m. on Sunday.  
Kresge Art Center -- Master of Fine Arts, graduated exhibits, 9 a.m. noon and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday.  
Library -- tours at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

### Events

#### Friday, May 16

Water Carnival -- 8 p.m.  
Sen. Edmund Muskie -- 3 p.m. Auditorium.  
First judging of float contest -- 8 p.m. and presentation of Blue Key members.

### Movies

"The Great Race" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium.  
"Mondo Cane" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in 100 Vet Clinic.  
"The Road to Bali" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in 106 Wells.  
"The Music Man" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in 108 Wells.

### Miscellaneous

"The Caste" -- 8:30 p.m. in Wonders Kiva.  
Women's Glee Club -- 8:15 p.m. in Auditorium.

#### Saturday, May 17

Shaw Hall Canoe Race - 9:30 a.m.  
Open houses in residence halls and Greek units -- 1-5 p.m.

### Movies

"The Great Race" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in Conrad.  
"The Music Man" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in 108 Wells.  
"Mondo Cane" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in 100 Vet Clinic.  
"The Road to Bali" -- 7 & 9 p.m. in 106 Wells.

### Sports

Big Ten Tennis Match -- 9:30 a.m. Varsity Courts.  
Big Ten Golf Match -- 8 a.m. Akers Golf Course.  
Green and White Game-- 2 p.m. Spartan Stadium.  
Freshman baseball vs. CMU --Kobs Field.  
Water Carnival -- 8 p.m.  
Lambda Chi Junior 500 -- 1 p.m. on West Circle Drive.  
Final float judging contest -- 8 p.m. and presentation of Excalibur members.

#### Sunday, May 18

Open houses continue at residence halls and Greek units.

### Music

Concert by MSU Chamber Orchestra -- 8:15 p.m. Music Aud.  
MSU Concert Band and woodwind ensemble concert -- 4 p.m. Auditorium.  
Senior Trumpet Recital -- 2 p.m. Music Auditorium.  
Thieves Market -- 1-4 p.m. in Union Ballroom.



**Different perspective**

Students protest Oakland, Cal., Police Dept. recruiting at the Placement Bureau to show that "The times, they are a changin'." The justification of "law and order" is but one facet of the "new student's" view of--and concern with--world problems.  
State News photo by Hal Caswell

# Adams trades cleats for presidential post

By STEVE WATERBURY  
State News Staff Writer

Acting President Walter Adams, in the less than two months since he was elevated to his present position, has faced considerable tumult in the University.

MSU has witnessed a demonstration in the Placement Bureau, a march by disgruntled journalism students, a boycott of the Owen cafeteria, and the occupation of Wilson cafeteria.

But Adams has managed to retain a sense of humor and perspective throughout the disturbances.

Mrs. Walter Adams, an instructor in American Thought and Language at MSU, has indicated her husband is finding his present position, "exciting, challenging and educating."

It broadens his understanding and conception of the University community and of the community in which we live," she said.

"But he is also very anxious for them to come up with a new president," Mrs. Adams emphasized. "I know few people believe him, but this I know is true."

Adams is characterized by his friends as a "cosmopolitan." He speaks and writes French and German as well as he does English.

"This summer will be the first summer in 11 years that we have not gone to Europe," Mrs. Adams said.

Adams, who has characterized himself as a Francophile, has taught in France in the French language.

Recently Adams declined a position to teach for a full year in France.

One of the reasons he did not accept the position was because he did not want to be away from MSU during football season.

"Except for once, he has never been absent from MSU

during the football season," his wife revealed.

"He likes to play a variety of sports, but I've forced him to hang up his cleats because of injuries," she said.

Now his role is confined to that of an "active spectator."

Mrs. Adams stated her husband is "fascinated by people."

Sometimes when their family would be traveling in Europe on a train, Mrs. Adams said, "We will get into a compartment with everyone quiet. Each one is isolated in his own identity."

"Then Walter starts to break this down," she continued. "Before you know it, there is a party going on in the compartment."

Mrs. Adams stated she conceives of her husband as being "somewhat conservative" in the sense that he wants to preserve the finer elements from the past.

"He wants to strengthen the University and he wants it to be great," she said.

One of the keystones to un-

derstanding Adams' conceptions as to how the University should be run is the concept of diffusion. He maintains that the diffusion of power is the best insurance against the abuse of power.

One of his colleagues in the Dept. of Economics, Charles P. Larrowe, a professor of economics and long-standing friend of Adams, said, "His outlook, both as a citizen and as a professional economist, has been a concern for power and its potential abuse."

"His efforts have been directed towards the construction of economic and political procedures which will diffuse power," Larrowe continued, "and prevent any individual or group from accumulating excessive power which could be used to the detriment of society."

Commenting on the academic perspective of Adams, Larrowe said, "He is a scholar in the old fashioned sense of the word."

"He is convinced that the best job in the University is to be a teacher," he said.

## STUDENT LETTER

### To Parents: We want a change

An Open Letter to MSU Parents from an MSU Student:

I am supposed to explain to you what issues and ideas MSU students are concerned with in the spring of 1969.

I'm afraid I can't say the things you'd like to hear: blood drives, Water Carnival, jamming a record number of students into a phone booth, community chest. The concerned students consider such pastimes unimportant compared to the changes in the world they see around them.

These students are not attempting to preserve the world as you have given it to them. They often do not like what they see.

Wander back to your college days, the post-World War II days. The world had just endured a cataclysmic upheaval and the emphasis was on a return to normalcy. You strove to restore the way of life that you had known; you had had enough revision and upheaval for a while. And somewhere along the way everything got imbalanced and distorted until we have the world that exists today.

Your emphasis was on normalcy. We see normalcy, a preservation of what you have given us, as not only dangerous to the future of this country but next to impossible. And so we are concerned with CHANGING a number of things.

College students are not only concerned they are enraged with a government that condemns a nation's young men to murder Vietnamese, and jails the young men who refuse to be a part of this slaughter. You may not agree with this view of the war in Vietnam, but this is how many of us feel.

College students demonstrate and even strike in an effort to abolish ROTC on college campuses. Why ROTC all of a sudden, you may ask. Students feel ROTC, because of the large number of officers that the program turns out, to be a vital part of the war effort.

If we can abolish ROTC, weaken the war effort, then maybe, just maybe, we can bring an end to this hideous war.

College students are disillusioned with a university, such as MSU, that will call itself an

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# ASMSU: voice of students

The student body at MSU is represented by the Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU), which is headed by a 17-member student board.

ASMSU bases its existence on three primary sources: as a group of students chosen by their peers to run campus-wide programs and events, as a group chosen to guide social policy and as a group chosen to direct student thought into the academic community.

ASMSU represents the student body directly through the elected members-at-large and indirectly through the representatives of the major governing groups.

#### Origins: 1965

ASMSU was initiated in 1965 to replace the then governing student group, the All-University Student Government.

ASMSU is corporately structured to represent those student groups which share common interests. Representatives of these groups can effectively articulate the opinions of those they represent.

The student board, the legislative branch of student government, is composed of the representatives of six major divisions of the student body, seven

members-at-large and the chairman. Non-voting members of the board include the cabinet president, comptroller and a member of the Student Academic Council.

The six major groups represented include the Men's Hall Assn. (MHA), Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), Pan Hellenic Council (Pan-Hel), Off-Campus Council (OCC), Inter-Cooperative Council (ICC) and Women's Inter-residence Council (WIC).

The chairman of the board is elected by the members of the board and is responsible to them as their chief administrative officer.

#### Officers elected

The seven members-at-large are the chief elected officers of the student body and are composed of two senior members-at-large, two junior members-at-large, one sophomore member-at-large, and two general members-at-large. All are elected directly by the student body.

ASMSU functions to represent the student body in all areas of the University community and to seek out and pursue all issues relevant to the student body.

ASMSU acts first as the voice of the student body on matters of University policy and



## Policies, services and involvement

The fifth session of the ASMSU Board is the "board of directors" that is the student body's main contact with the policy-making arm of the University. It concerns itself with social policies, academia, programs and services for students.

State News photo by Mike Sirna

general issues in the MSU area. The student government also initiates programs and issues it believes relevant to its constituency.

#### Academic involvement

The Student Academic Council (SAC) coordinates the academic involvement of ASMSU. It coordinates the activities of the student representatives on faculty committees, and the activities of the college and departmental advisory committees. Representatives of all these groups sit with SAC.

The current session of ASMSU, which took office this term, has narrowed its focus to exert more directly its efforts on issues brought up by the students and to bring about effective changes students think necessary.

#### Major thrust

The major thrusts of ASMSU this year and next will be on the selection of a new University president, on an organized attempt to resolve here the nationwide campus Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) issue, on an evaluation of student book store policies in the East Lansing area and on a study of student participation in faculty and administrative committees.

While the ASMSU Board is the policy-making branch of student

government, the cabinet is the program, project and activity branch.

Most activity in the cabinet centers around continuing programs, with an estimated 10 or 15 per cent of the work coming directly upon request of the board.

The cabinet president coordinates the efforts of his programs and sits as a non-voting member on the ASMSU Board, advising board members of action the cabinet is taking.

#### VP action

Under the president's supervision are five vice-presidents who have a more direct control over their respective programs. The five program areas are student services, programs, special projects, public relations and black affairs.

Under the vice president for student services are the legal aid, travel and insurance programs and Spartacuss.

Legal aid is considered by many on the cabinet to be the most worthwhile program in operation. Its purpose is to provide students with competent legal assistance when it is needed.

Both student and professional help is available. The Student Defenders Assn. works in cooperation with legal aid, pro-

viding students trained in a special education course to help in campus judicial problems.

#### Lawyer available

For legal problems extending beyond the campus, the Legal Aid Bureau has a lawyer available afternoons at low cost to students for consultation and, if necessary, further help.

The other programs under student services are less noted but as effective as legal aid. These are insurance, which continues year after year to offer students an insurance program at low cost; travel, which works in cooperation with the National Student Travel Assn. in offering special student travel opportunities and organizes a yearly Bahamas package each spring break, and Spartacuss, a joint ASMSU-State News project that offers answers to every question and solutions for every problem.

Under the vice president for programs, the most active programs are course evaluation and consumer relations.

Course evaluations conducts studies near the end of each term of a select group of classes. The surveys yield qualitative criticism of courses and instructors, all of which is compiled yearly into a course evaluation book.

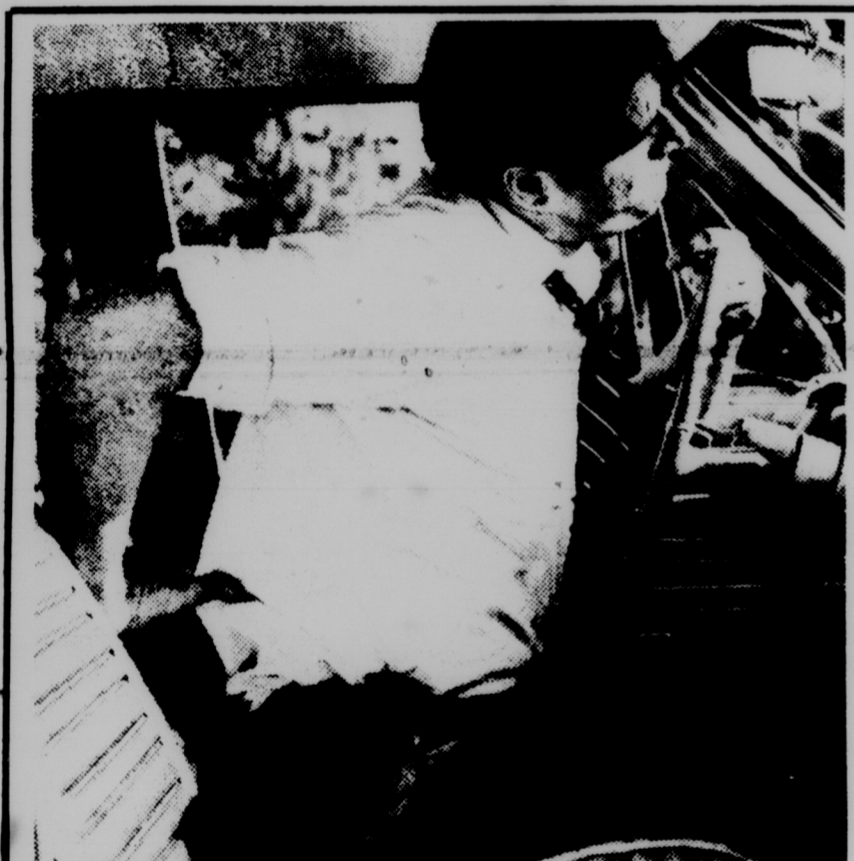
Consumer relations deals with relations between MSU students and East Lansing merchants. A project was started this term, similar to Spartacuss, inviting students to call in complaints about commercial practices in East Lansing. Also, a consumer's guide to East Lansing, to be handed out to freshmen at orientation is in the works.

Also under programs are elections and College Bowl. Elections remains quiet during most of the year, coming to life winter term to organize ASMSU elections the second week of spring term. College Bowl has been dormant for the past few years. It is intended to organize an all-University College Bowl team.

The vice president for special projects is in charge of the special programs of student government: Homecoming, Water Carnival, Great Issues and Popular Entertainment.

Homecoming and Water Carnival and both short-range pro-

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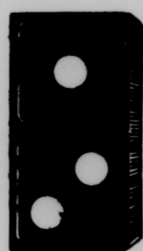
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## OPEN HOUSE PROCEDURES

# 'U' policy change: long journey

By MARILYN PATTERSON  
State News Staff Writer

Policy change at MSU is made through what are commonly called "proper channels." They are sometimes slow, but usually effective.

Take for example, the change in open house procedures made winter term.

It began in October with a proposal by the Men's Halls Assn. (MHA) which called for individual hall governing councils to be the sole determinant of hours and regulations (such as proper dress, supervision and whether room doors should be open or closed.)

Until then, all halls were under University-wide rules on hours, dress, supervision and open doors. MHA contended that the different physical situations of different residence halls call-

ed for the residents of each hall to determine their own policies.

The MHA proposal was presented to the student board of Associated Students of MSU (ASMSU) and was accepted.

### Next step

It then went to the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs for consideration.

The faculty committee spent nearly two months hearing rationales for the change from members of MHA and residents students.

It made one change in the proposal --that the procedural decision be made jointly by the hall governing council, the head adviser and the hall manager.

With the faculty committee modification and approval, the MHA proposal was sent on to

Milton B. Dickerson, vice president for student affairs.

### Faculty approval

Before any policy change comes for approval of the vice president it must be approved by the faculty committee and ASMSU.

It must be approved by the vice president before it can be implemented. Had Dickerson approved the MHA proposal, it would have become a new policy effective immediately.

Dickerson, however, sent the proposal back to the faculty committee for further consideration.

He was concerned about the possibility of halls instituting

24-hour, seven-day-a-week open houses.

He wanted the faculty committee to "take two or three hours in the morning away from the discretionary period," that is, he wanted halls to be able to determine hours within the limits of 8 a.m. one day and 4 or 5 a.m. the next day.

The faculty committee rejected the change and reaffirmed its support of the proposal as it was originally offered.

As a result of the disagreements, a conference committee was established.

### Hall determination

The resolution proposed by the conference committee was that

halls determine hours from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday Thursday, but that there be no restriction on hours Friday and Saturday.

This amendment gained the approval, it went into effect Feb. 3, nearly four months after its initiation.

All proposals that originate with major governing groups, such as MHA, travel the same route through ASMSU, the Faculty Committee for student affairs.

A complete breakdown of University committees which implement changes in social and academic policies is included in the MSU "Handbook for Students."

## Council strives to assist seniors

John Davis, a 5-foot-11 sideburned senior from Detroit, is unhappy.

He is unhappy because he only knows several hundred students in his spring graduating class of approximately 7,000.

What John Davis does not know is that this year a group on campus gave up their traditional priority of making the senior class "one happy family."

This group, Senior Class Council, stopped playing "Mother Hubbard," as one council member said, and started organizing programs that attempted to meet the individual needs of the senior.

What does the senior need besides possibly a 4-F draft classification, a diamond ring or an all-expense paid graduation trip to Europe?

Senior class president Bob McCormick thinks that the council should provide information on job placement, the draft and other topics of interest to the senior.

"The council this year hasn't given up on the idea of unifying seniors," one council member said. "Many of us just do not think that complete unity is achievable in a class of several thousand people."

The council, elected each spring, divides itself into committees to accomplish some of the traditional and new tasks that are given to them.

The selection of the senior class gift, seniors of the week, the commencement speaker and the 69 Club, the top 69 seniors in this year's graduating class, are just some of the tasks which the council works on.

This year the council has also produced a book of the most popular cartoons of State News cartoonist, Phil Frank, is arranging a luncheon for Sen. Edmund Muskie when he visits campus this week, and assimilated an album of pictures of former President Hannah's more memorable events during his stay on campus as a gift to the past president.

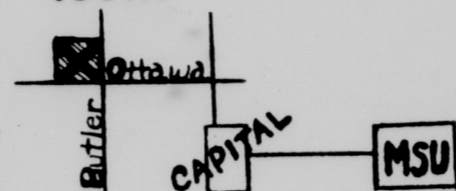
The traditional "Senior Night" will also be held this year. Seniors will be able to attend this informal get-together at Grandmother's May 20 with music, hot dogs and refreshments provided.



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# Saga of carney just floats along

Water Carnival, the annual spring extravaganza in which 20-odd living-unit-designed floats glide down the Red Cedar to the delight of the audience, didn't always involve a cast of thousands (well, hundreds anyway).

Nor did it always involve a melange of production crews, publicity agents, script writers, electricians and float-builders.

Today, Water Carnival costs over \$20,000 to produce, takes months of planning and has a two-night "run" on the Red Cedar.

But once upon a time... Back in the days when the State News was called The Holcad and the Spartan teams were called the Aggies, Water Carnival had its beginnings at MAC.

That was in 1919. The big event of spring term was called "The Festival of Maytime: A Pageant of Music and Rhythm." The pageant was originally planned to be an annual event of commencement week, sponsored by the senior class.

**May queen elected**  
A May Day queen was elected to preside over the winding of the may pole. Her costume was made by the junior class, hopefully to be handed down year after year.

The following year, in honor of the 300th anniversary of the pilgrims' landing, the "Triumph of a Nation's Faith" was the big feature of commencement week.

Held June 14, 1920, the year was described in the Holcad as the "most turbulent year in campus life that this school has ever known."

Every girl in college and a number of men were expected to take part in the pageant which was sponsored and arranged by the senior class.

The Holcad described one of the acts:

"There will be a representation of some Civil War occurrences and the Ku Klux Klan will dash across the field in the distance attired in their ghostly, grotesque costumes, riding equally grotesque horses."

**Pageantry pervaded**  
In 1923 the idea for a water carnival began a new tradition. The Holcad predicted that "although it has been talked of and thought of for several years, its success this year will, doubtless, have a big effect on the future."

This first water festival combined the annual canoe carnival with interpretive dancing, an exhibition of night flying and floats made from canoes decorated to fit the theme, "The Pageant of Song."

Themes varied in water carnivals that followed. In 1925, the Water Carnival theme was popular songs, in 1926 it was the various departments of a newspaper and in 1927, it was Spartan Gods and Goddesses.

A \$10 gold award was given for the 1928 theme, "Fantasie of Romantic Figures in History and Folklore."



Although 32 floats were entered in the carnival, only 28 participated. They passed under an arch which had been constructed over the Red Cedar River and on the south bank of the river a stage was built to seat the audience.

**Log-rolling contests**  
Canoe tilts, log-rolling contests and canoe races were also a part of that evening's entertainment.

The next year, "Cosmopolitan Night" featured 33 floats representing some country or nation. The floats were sent down the river to the music of a specially assembled orchestra.

The State News donated a float in 1928. It was the person who thought of the theme.

Each group and dormitory entered the carnival, which concluded with a fireworks display.

Bleachers were set up on the north bank of the Red Cedar to accommodate the 2,000 people who viewed what the State News described as the "biggest affair of the college year."

In later years, Water Carnival was expanded to several days and attracted larger audiences.

**Campus police participated**  
The theme for Water Carnival 1941 was "Parade of Stars." Thirty-nine floats representing fraternities and sororities drifted down the Red Cedar.

Canoe tilting, loading and racing added to the entertainment, and the campus police had to tow the floats by row boat because of a broken towline.

Water Carnival was discontinued during the war and was revived again in 1947.

The big event of spring term 1951 was the three-day Water

Carnival, held from May 31-June 2. It featured not only a nightly parade of 30 water floats, but 20 land floats and entertainment booths where one could throw pies or dunk campus personalities.

The first night only 400 people came to sit in the rain and watch the floats on the Red Cedar.

The 1961 carnival, presented June 1-3, was opened by John B. Swainson who was governor of Michigan at that time.

**Roaring 20's featured**  
The theme, "Only Yesterday," looked back on the Roaring 20's. During intermission a charleston contest was held.

The seniors used the money earned from the festival for a donation to the proposed planetarium.

Last year's carnival was called "Braggadocio: Afoul Facts in Short Acts," and featured such short acts as "Mrs. Ford had a Better Idea," "The Fountain of Youth" and "Mission Improbable."

Water Carnival 1969 is called Dubious Distinctions and will be presented tonight and tomorrow night.

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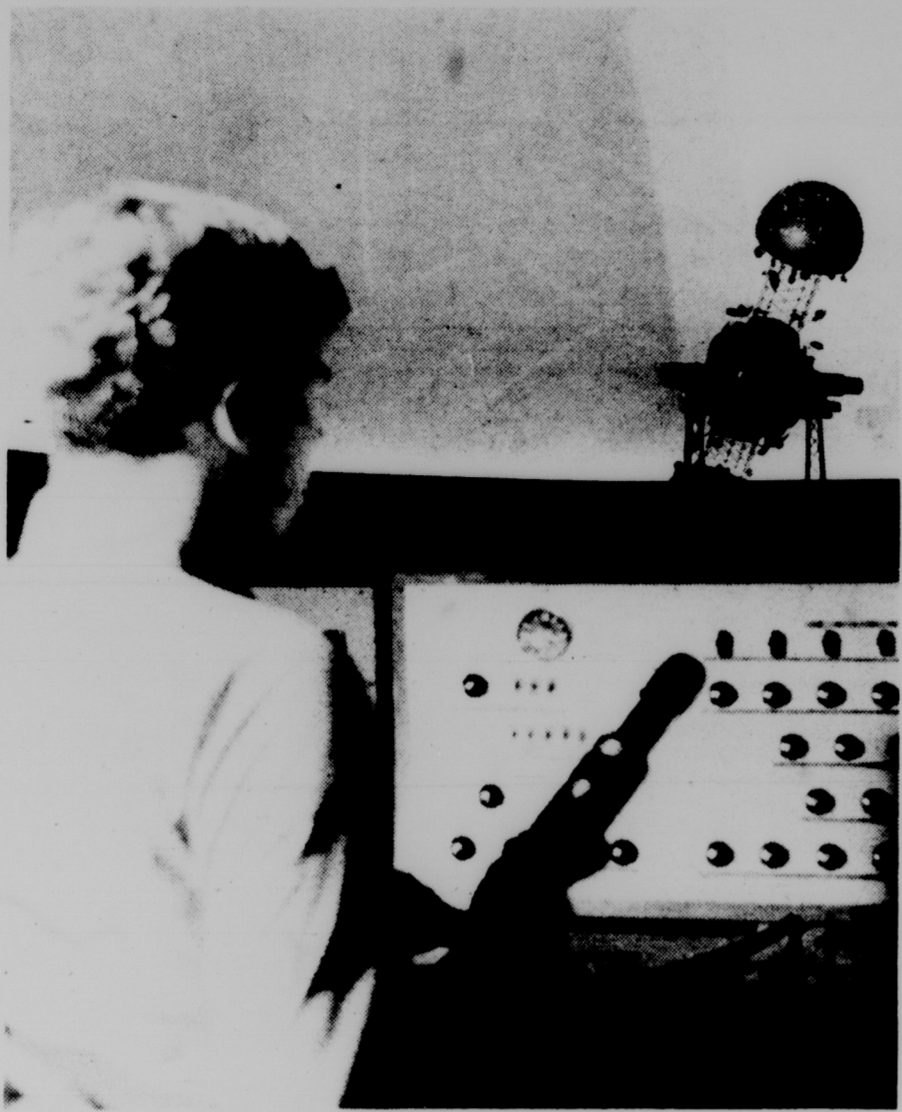
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# 'Countdown Mars' spans Abrams' sky

The indoor sky of Abrams Planetarium is the scene of the star-studded program "Countdown Mars," which will be shown during Parent's Weekend.

The program tells the story of the planet Mars with a life-like demonstration of its movement across the nighttime sky.

Von Del Chamberlain, acting director of the planetarium, explained that the new program should be of interest to the public because Mars is the only member of the solar system besides the Earth which may have some sort of life on its surface.

He gave as another reason the fact that two American space probes are in orbit around the sun and headed for close passage to Mars.

Mars is currently in retrograde motion, moving backward in its regular path across the heavens. That is, instead of traveling eastward, the planet is moving westward through the sky.

The stars are shown exactly as they are in the sky on the evening when the program is being given. The constellations are outlined

in order to aid viewers in finding Mars in the real sky in its relation to the constellations.

The program depicts the history of investigation of the red planet including the work of early astronomers such as Francisco Fontana and Christian Huygens.

One highlight of the program is the rebroadcast of portions of a New York radio story about the Martians landing on the Earth. This science fiction tale received attention on one Halloween several years ago when it terrorized persons who did not know that it was a fiction story. It brought on mass hysteria as it reported that a spaceship from another planet had landed in New Jersey.

The program shows in color an artist's conception of the spaceship and the monster which emerged from it. These are seen against the background of a rural landscape and the nighttime sky.

The program closes with an artist's conception of Martian landscape and an imaginary trip to that planet.

## Pushbutton Heavens

In MSU's Abrams Planetarium, all the wonders of our solar system appear before your eyes--at the flip of a switch or the pressing of a button.

State News photo by Jerry McAllister

## Art offers retreat for busy parents

Parents planning to spend a few restful hours this weekend might find a visit to the Kresge Art Center a rewarding experience.

Featuring an exhibition of graduate student drawings and paintings, the center maintains a permanent display of ancient to modern works of art.

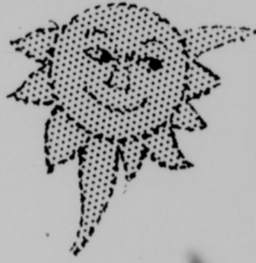
The graduate display, showing from May 4-24, spotlights such varied expressions of art as 3-D drawings and charcoal drawings ranging from a full length, life-size picture of a girl clad in slacks . . . to a smaller sketch of a nude.

The permanent display contains works from many eras and lands. Sculptures from

Greece, color woodcuts from Japan, metal images from Africa and Pre-Columbian pottery and masks.

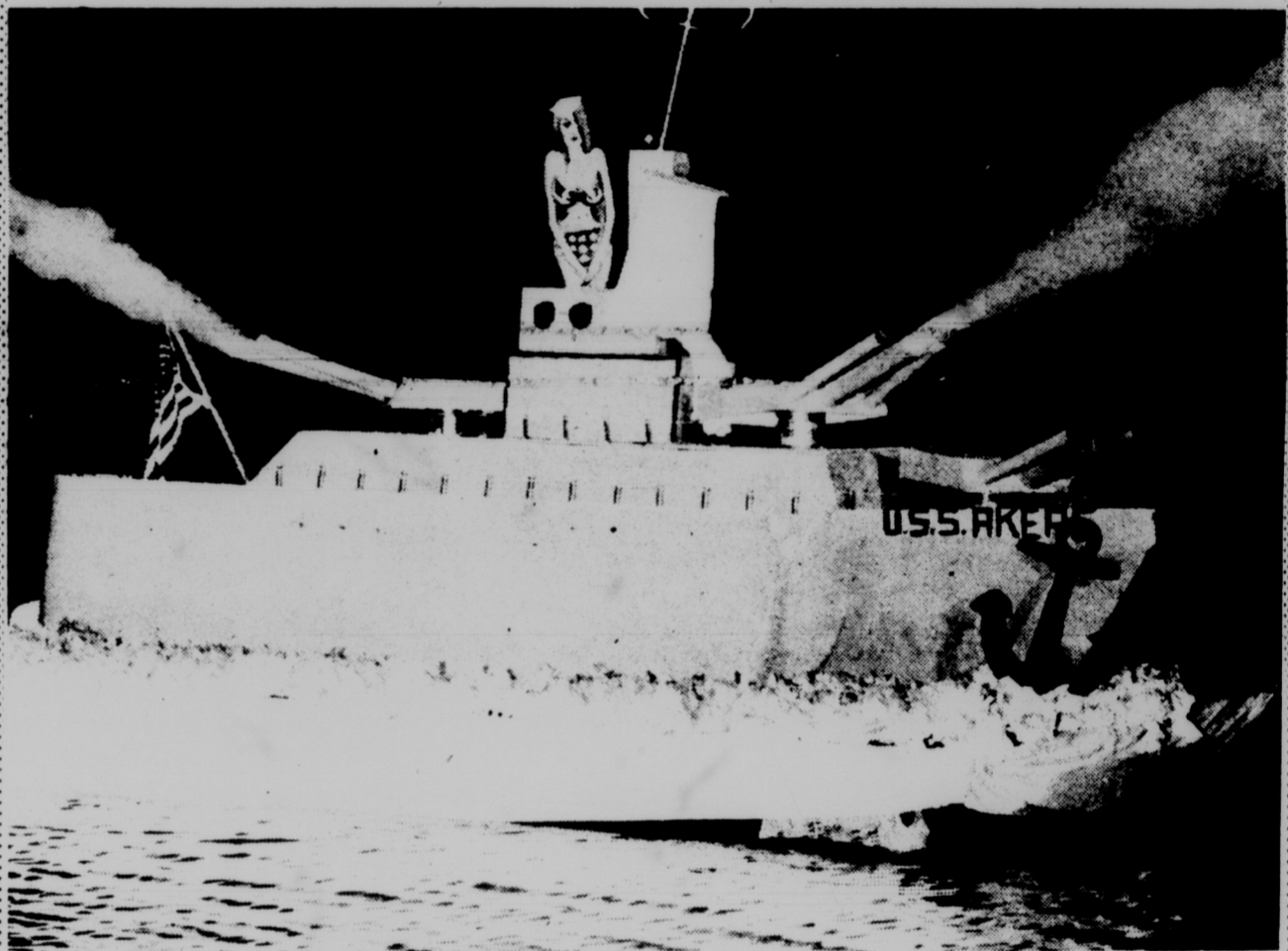
A gold and emerald necklace graces one of the rooms of the gallery, bearing a mysterious history. The necklace was fashioned of gold from Ecuador, emeralds from Columbia and created by an artist in Peru. When it was sent from Peru to Mexico in the 16 century it was lost. Three hundred years later it turned up at MSU in the way of a gift from a Panama City alumnus.

The center will be open from 9 a.m. - noon and 1-5 p.m. on Saturday and from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday.



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# It's time to 'tell it like it is'

By SHIRLEY BRUNNER  
State News Staff Writer

Since parents have an unfortunate tendency to disbelieve practically everything their student offspring tell them about life at the multiversity, Parent's Weekend is the perfect time to show them MSU and life here, like it really is.

Of course, a certain amount of caution must be exercised lest the parents, realizing the truth of the situation, decide that either you would be much better off at home, or they would be much better off by moving up and participating in the fun.

Unfortunately, Parent's Weekend comes before the first barrage of in-class finals, thus depriving them of the sight of the suffering, serious student. And an understanding of this situation is a prerequisite to understanding the escapism of the weekend.

### Papers and parties

Perhaps this could be remedied by taking your parents to the Library to witness the emotional tableau of "Student Writing a Term Paper Due Tomorrow."

After first astounding them with your obscure and intellectual topic, exhibiting the high level of scholarship you have attained, you could further amaze them with the slight amount of preparation and the

vast amounts of padding, plagiarism and cigarettes that go into the writing of a paper.

For those who make no pretense of studying, there are the parties. Take your mother to Shaw and allow her the experience of being mauled at a mixer or cleaning up after an apartment bash.

And dormitory residents shouldn't miss the opportunity to take their parents to dinner.

If this sort of thing excites your parents, you could treat them to the sights and smells of the Union grill. If it's too much, Sunday dinner with suits and heels should restore their faith in the youth of America.

### Flowers and canoeing

Spring is the ideal time for showing off the beauties of the campus. The Circle, botanical and horticulture gardens will all be fantastically colorful. The Red Cedar, although not an exhibit of clean and unpolluted nature, will offer some insights into what the living-learning concept is all about.

Perhaps it would be better to rent a canoe and let them see that the river really does have its potential once you get past the apartments.

Since campus disorder has become so commonplace, it should be easy enough to find a demonstration, protest or boy-

cott somewhere. Show them that we are also concerned and dedicated students.

The campus landmarks--Beaumont Tower and Sparty--deserve a visit. Explaining the symbolism and legends involved is optional.

### Follow the schedule

If your parents are energetic, you could have them run through the same schedule you do every day -- from East Complex to Bessey to National Resources

to Berkey, etc. This would be especially exciting if the spring monsoons haven't stopped. It would also explain the incredible number of shoes one wears out during the year.

It's unfortunate that classes aren't in session so they could understand why, after a nine-to-five day of dry lectures, labs and furious note-taking you are incapable of writing the required weekly letter home.

The possibilities are limitless.

## 'U' Spring Weekend spans 10-year history

Spring Weekend at MSU is jam-packed with activities: Water Carnival, open houses, concerts, the Green and White game and Parent's Weekend.

This has not always been the case.

Roughly 10 years ago, when Parent's Weekend began, the event was sponsored by the Freshman-Sophomore Council. The object of the weekend was to invite parents to the Uni-

versity to see what it was like and how their "charges" lived and learned.

During its early years the parents could visit the open houses and various other events that took place on campus.

The structure of student government was revised nearly four years ago and with the revisions the Freshman-Sophomore Council was abolished. The new structure, the Associated Students of MSU, felt that it would be an advantage to the spring term activities, if Water Carnival and Parent's Weekend could be held at the same time.

As it stands today, Parent's Weekend has no student organization backing or coordinating it. The Parents are invited to see the University in action during one of its more colorful weekends, and it is up to the various departments and living units around campus to feature any special activities.

Schedules of activities for Parents' Weekend can be obtained from a main information booth in front of the Auditorium or from the various living units around campus.

And if participants feel exhausted after all of this year's activities, next year Alumni Weekend is getting into the act.



The Old Mill Stream?

Students take advantage of a warm day and the beautiful Red Cedar to try their hand at a bit of boating. The "spectators" here are as much a part of MSU as Duffy's Spartans.

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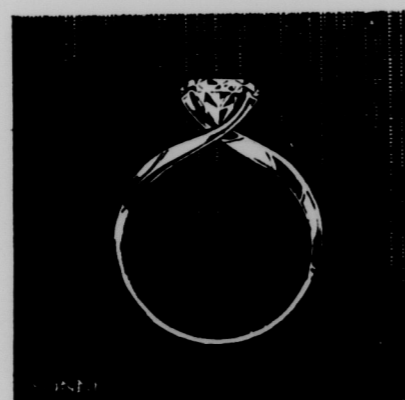
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## CHAPIN'S GOALS BLOCKED

# Low funds limit Library

If Richard E. Chapin had unlimited funds, he'd make MSU's Library "the best in the country."

But MSU's director of the libraries does not have unlimited funds--and this seems to be his biggest problem.

Chapin, who took over his job as director of the libraries in 1959, sees the Library as one of two essential elements in any university.

"A university is composed of faculty and libraries," he said. "You're not going to have a great university without a great faculty. You're not going to have a great university without a great library."

MSU's libraries are far from "great" according to the statis-

tics published by the 74-member Assn. of Research Libraries to which MSU belongs.

In spite of this bad news, the Library does contain over 1.25 million books, 13,000 periodicals and 8,000 additional items. It acquires over 100,000 new items each year, Chapin said.

In addition to its regular holdings the Library also houses a number of special collections. These include collections of over 700 early books on veterinary medicine, 15-17th century criminology books, cookbooks and early works on botany and zoology.

If the new science library, presently scheduled for construction in 1974, is built, the space occupied by the present science

library now housed in the main library will be used to house the 2,000 additional items acquired each week by the Library. The new building will also permit the expansion of other library services.

Although Chapin realizes that the Library could be a "much better library," he believes that "too many people have a tendency to criticize the Library without ever using it."

He believes that the way to get people to use the Library is to provide some kind of orientation program for the 10-15,000 new students at MSU each year.

"The Library shouldn't have enough seats. It should be packed every night, not just during finals," Chapin said.



# Dear old Dad lured to Spartan Stadium

If Dear Old Dad comes to campus this weekend, don't be too surprised if he doesn't want to spend the entire weekend visiting with Son or Daughter.

Especially if D.O.D. is a football fan.

The MSU football team, returning seven offensive starters from a team which upset Notre Dame last fall, takes to Spartan Stadium at 2 p.m. Saturday for the final scrimmage of what the MSU coaching staff feels has been a highly productive spring.

However, in addition to being a showcase for future Spartan gridiron heroes, the annual Green and White Game takes on added meaning this year with all proceeds from the contest going

to the Martin Luther King Jr. Spartan Aid Fund.

The recently established fund will benefit non-athletes who need assistance in order to remain at MSU in addition to financing a summer tutorial project for Lansing-area elementary school children.

Helping give the project a send-off will be 40 professional football stars whose services will be available for autograph bugs and camera fans.

Among the pros who will surrender to the fans beginning at noon include former MSU All-Americans Gene Washington and Clint Jones (Minnesota Vikings), George Webster (Houston Oilers), Bubba Smith and Earl Morrall (Baltimore Colts) and Herb Adderley (Green Bay Packers).

In addition to the many former Spartans, the Detroit Lions will be represented by Bill Munson, Alex Karras, Mel Farr and Lem Barney, while other teams will be represented by such great athletes as Bob Hayes of the Dallas Cowboys—the fastest human.

The Green and White battle will be a regular game production with the Spartans' No. 1 offense pitted against the No. 1

defense and the No. 2 offense battles the No. 2 defense. The score board and the public address system will be in operation, and printed programs and refreshments will be available.

Ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with tickets available at Jenison Fieldhouse prior to Saturday or at the gate.

For the avid and wealthy fan who has always wanted to see what it looks like from the press box, the opportunity is at hand for a mere \$5.

Although the weekend spotlight will be on Spartan Stadium, other excellent exhibitions of collegiate athletics will be featured in the Big Ten tournaments.

The Big Ten golf championship will be decided on MSU's 6,854 yard, par 71 Forest Akers Golf Course with rounds beginning at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday, while the conference tennis crown will be contested Thursday through Saturday.

Kobs Field is the scene of one final sporting event Saturday when the MSU freshmen baseball team takes on Central Michigan in a double header. Game time is 1 p.m.

No admission will be charged for tennis, golf or baseball.

## Student voice: ASMSU

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Popular Entertainment projects, the committees for the projects chosen about six months before the events. This necessitates a flurry of activity and a rapid turnover of personnel.

More stable are Great Issues and Pop Entertainment. Great Issues' aim is to bring personalities of the day to speak on the issues of the hour. This year, some of the speakers have been Julian Bond, Adam Clayton Powell, Dr. Benjamin Spock and Ralph Nader. The most recent lecture is today's speech by Sen. Edmund Muskie, D-Maine.

Popular Entertainment parallels Great Issues in bringing the performers of the day to campus. This year included concerts by Henry Mancini, Lou Rawls, and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. Already contracted for fall term are the Association and Dionne Warwick, with negotiations under for a folk concert by Simon and Garfunkel or Peter, Paul and Mary.

Two new vice presidencies are still rather nebulous: the vice president for public relations and for black affairs.

The goal of the vice president for public relations is to improve the information dissemination between students and student government, and students, faculty, administration and the surrounding community. Also included is the Personnel Bureau, the Cabinet organ for drawing new people into participation in the various programs.

The newest office formed is that of the vice president for black affairs, created early spring term. No structure has crystallized and no specific goals have been set. The vice presidency is an attempt on the part of ASMSU to acknowledge that they have little comprehension of problems facing black students and a gesture that they would like to help solve these problems and increase black involvement in student government.

We have talked and petitioned for eight years and very little has changed. We still die in Vietnam, our universities are still out of our hands, run by a board of trustees. The conditions in the cities grow worse instead of better. Funds for attempts to help the cities VISTA, Head Start, etc., are the first to go when a budget cut is ordered. Defense spending (the ABM) continues to be the first order of national business.

Those of us who still feel (who have not been numbed by grades, the dollar and the draft) feel frustrated and alienated.

Your bureaucrats in the universities and the government have pushed us up against the wall and we have started to push back. We have waited as you have told us and nothing has happened.

Remember that we are what you sent to college with good faith hope. We are your sons and daughters, not your enemies. But why is it that we are the hope of the future until we try to change and mold the future?

Sincerely,  
Maryanne George  
State News Staff Writer

## Today's youth wants to make things better

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institution for education, and then deny journalism and advertising students adequate facilities while it pushes for astro-turf in Spartan Stadium.

Students push continually for an effective voice in formulating the policy on an institution such as a university, that will shape the rest of their lives. They feel the university should revolve around the students, (because a university's raison d'etre is students) rather than around administrators.

Concerned students refuse to tell the black man to wait any longer for first class citizenship. Black students, say NOW, we say show us HOW and you have said, wait a minute, this all takes time. We say isn't 300 years enough?

Students see our cities crumbling with crime and unnecessary poverty and feel a sense of responsibility to change those conditions. We know we can no longer escape to the suburbs nor do we want to.

We see a government with a national budget that allocates 66 per cent of that budget for defense spending and we say that this is wrong. We find it hard to pledge allegiance to a war state.

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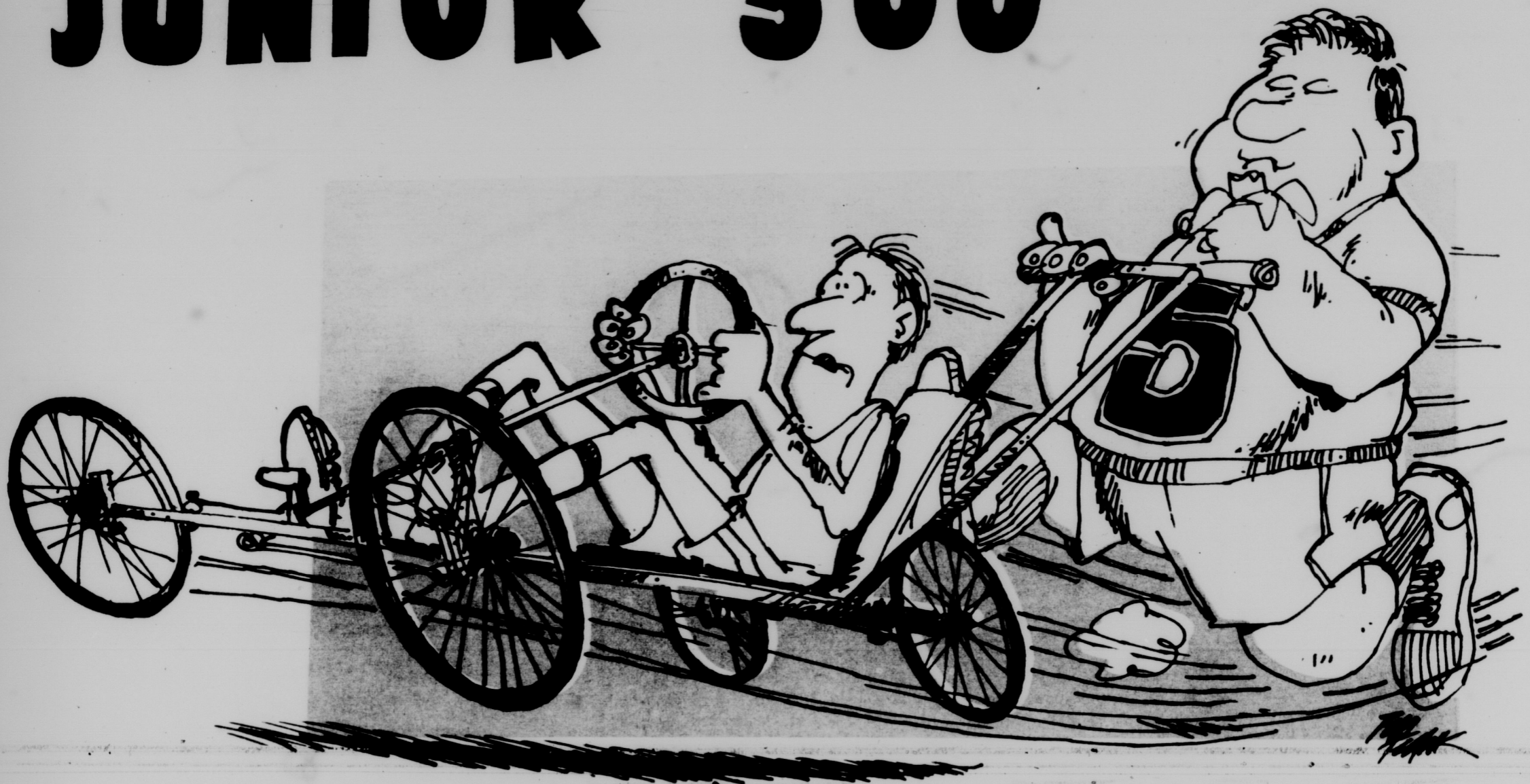
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